

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An information handling system including:
 - a processor;
 - memory coupled to the processor;
 - glue logic coupled to the processor for facilitating connection of the processor to other devices;
 - an audio coder and decoder coupled to the glue logic and including a unidirectional Sony-Philips Digital Interface (S/PDIF) digital audio output;
 - a first multi-pin docking connector comprising a first single audio pin coupled to the unidirectional S/PDIF digital audio output; and
 - a docking station comprising a second multi-pin docking connector comprising a second single audio pin, wherein the second single audio pin is coupled to the first single audio pin; and
 - including a digital audio receiver coupled to the S/PDIF digital audio output for converting to convert S/PDIF digital audio to analog audio, wherein the digital audio receiver is located at the docking station and coupled to the second single audio pin.
2. – 4. (Canceled)
5. (Original) The information handling system of claim 1 wherein the digital audio receiver includes an analog output.
6. (Currently Amended) The information handling system of claim 5 including further comprising:
 - a first power amplifier is coupled to the analog output.
7. (Currently Amended) The information handling system of claim 6 including further comprising:
 - a second power amplifier coupled to the analog output.
8. (Currently Amended) The information handling system of claim 7 including further comprising:
 - a subwoofer coupled to the second power amplifier.

9. (Original) The information handling system of claim 8 wherein the docking station includes a substantially closed volume having an aperture.
10. (Original) The information handling system of claim 9 wherein the subwoofer is situated in the aperture to project sound therethrough.
11. (Currently Amended) A method of operating an information handling system including a portable portion and a docking station, the method comprising:
- generating, by the portable portion, a digital audio signal conforming to a Sony-Philips Digital Interface (S/PDIF) standard;
 - sending the digital audio signal across a docking interface between the portable portion and a docking station, wherein the docking interface comprises a first multi-pin docking connector comprising a first single audio pin and a second multi-pin docking connector comprising a second single audio pin;
 - converting the digital audio signal to an analog audio signal; and
 - amplifying the analog audio signal.
12. – 14. (Canceled)
15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14 ~~including~~further comprising:
- performing a digital to analog conversion on the digital audio signal after it passes from the first connector to the second connector of the docking interface, thus
 - converting the digital ~~analegaudio~~audio signal to an analog audio signal.
16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15 ~~including~~further comprising:
- amplifying the analog audio signal by a first audio amplifier thus providing a first amplified analog audio signal.
17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16 ~~including~~further comprising:
- providing the first amplified analog audio signal to a line out output of the docking station.
18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16 including amplifying the analog audio signal by a second audio amplifier thus providing a ~~a~~second amplified analog audio signal.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18 ~~including~~further comprising:
providing the second amplified analog audio signal to a subwoofer loudspeaker.
20. (Original) The method of claim 19 wherein the docking station exhibits a substantially closed volume.
21. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for operating a portable information handling system (IHS) comprising:
a docking station coupled to the IHS;
means for generating a digital audio signal conforming to a Sony-Philips Digital Interface (S/DIF) standard;
means for sending the digital audio signal across a docking interface between the IHS and the docking station, wherein the docking interface comprises a first multi-pin docking connector comprising a first single audio pin and a second multi-pin docking connector comprising a second single audio pin;
a converter for converting the digital audio signal to an analog audio signal; and
means for amplifying the audio analog signal.